

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 8, 10-14, 17, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz et al. (U.S. No. 5,813,849) in view of Altemark et al. (U.S. No. 5,055,032). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 22, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz et al. in view of Altemark et al. as applied in claims 1 and 17, above and further in view of Sneed (U.S. No. 4,128,393). Further, the Examiner rejected the claims in this application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In order to overcome the double patenting rejection, a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is enclosed with this Response to Office Action.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 4-7, 15, 16, and 18-21 are considered to contain allowable subject matter and that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim and upon the filing of terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 4-7, 15, 16, and 18-21 have been rewritten as indicated by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted by the Applicants that such claims are now allowable.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed on July 23, 2004, and the allowance of claims 4-7, 15, 16 and 18-21 is respectfully requested.

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